



November 2022

# NCOME NEWSLETTER

Creativity in the Eastern Region since 1982

## Welcome!

Looking to save some dough? Register by Dec. 24th for the NC Eastern Region Tournament to get your Early Bird discount!

[NCOME.ORG](http://NCOME.ORG)



# EASTERN REGION TOURNAMENT

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**March 4, 2023**

Wakefield Middle and High School



## **Tournament Registration Fees:**

Early Bird registration: \$115  
(**Deadline: Dec. 24**)

Full registration: \$160  
(after Dec. 24)

Primary problem: \$25

**Final Registration: January 14th**

[Go to NCOME.org to start your registration](https://www.ncome.org)

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## Volunteers and Judges

It is **STILL REQUIRED** for each team to provide a judge and volunteer for the tournament. *Failing to do so will result in a penalty at the tournament.*

This year, instead of the coach registering people during the tournament registration, judges and volunteers will register themselves from the links on the following page.

Neither position has to be a parent (in fact it's better when they aren't so they can support the team!). Experience is not necessary.

The deadline for both to register is Feb. 14th. Please contact tournament director Lexie Groner with any questions. The earlier you reach out the more we can help!

[ncometd@gmail.com](mailto:ncometd@gmail.com)

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## Volunteers and Judges

### **JUDGES:**

Must be available all day Saturday Feb 18 for training and all-day March 4th for the tournament. They WILL NOT be able to leave to see team's/child's performance and must be 18 years or older.

[Judge Registration](#)

### **VOLUNTEERS:**

Get to select their 2-3-hour time slot/job for tournament day. If you have a high schooler interested in volunteering, please contact Lexie Groner to discuss.

[Volunteer Registration](#)

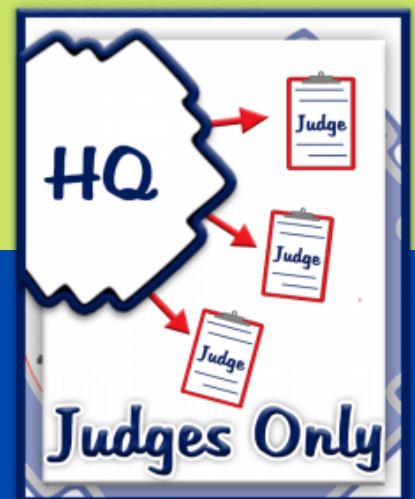
# CLARIFICATIONS

## A Treasure-trove of Information

Long-Term Problems are written to provide just enough guidance for teams to solve the problem without limiting creativity.

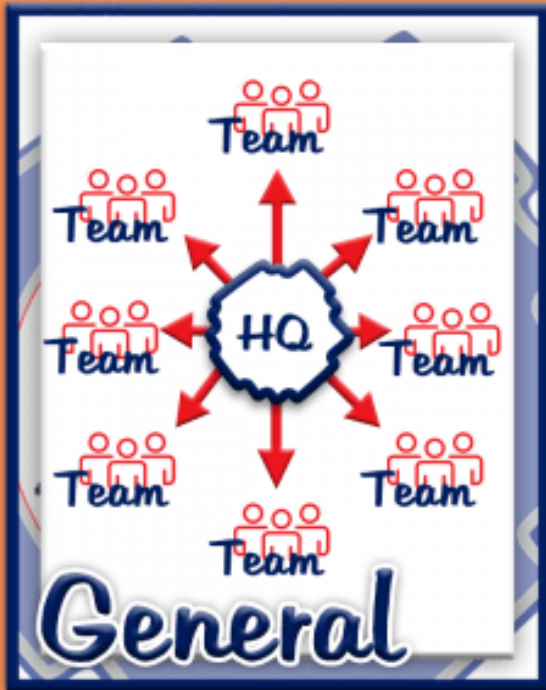
Additional guidance is occasionally required from Odyssey of the Mind HQ or teams may have questions regarding their interpretations of the Long-Term Problem limitations and the rules, as stated in the Program Guide.

When this occurs, there are three categories of problem clarifications.



# CLARIFICATIONS

## General Clarifications



These are updates, amendments, or further explanations of Long-Term Problem limitations, written by Odyssey of the Mind HQ and made public for all members.

General Clarifications take precedence over published problem details and the rules in the Program Guide, so it's important that teams keep current on all general clarifications issued throughout the year by clicking "Read Clarifications" below.

[Read Clarifications](#)

# CLARIFICATIONS

## Team Specific Clarifications

When teams are unsure whether their solution is allowed within the limitations of their Long-Term Problem and the rules of the Program Guide, they may request feedback from Odyssey of the Mind HQ.



The questions and answers remain CONFIDENTIAL and may be taken to tournaments, to affirm that a team's solution is valid. For full details, please consult the Program Guide. To submit your request, you must go to the Team Portal Login.

[Submit Clarifications](#)

# CLARIFICATIONS

## Judges Only Clarifications



In some cases, the answer to a team-specific clarification may be distributed to judges, sometimes with additional guidance from Odyssey HQ, to assure that judging of team solutions is consistent throughout the entire Odyssey of the Mind program.

***These clarifications are ONLY seen by Odyssey of the Mind association representatives.***



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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**December 14:** Eastern Region Board Meeting

**December 24:** Early Bird Registration Deadline

**January 11:** Eastern Region Board Meeting

**January 14:** Tournament Registration Deadline

**January 21:** Spontaneous Fair

**February 8:** Eastern Region Board Meeting

**February 18:** Judges' Training

**March 1:** Eastern Region Board Meeting

**March 4:** Eastern Region Tournament

**March 22:** Eastern Region Board Meeting

**March 25:** State Tournament

# SPONTANEOUS FAIR

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**January 21, 2023**

Morris Grove Elementary  
215 Eubanks Rd  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Join us for a fun-filled morning of Spontaneous Problem practice!

Teams will cycle through sessions with different types of problems to solve. After they solve each problem, there will be time to examine what they did well and how they can approach the problem next time to maximize their success!



Registration information coming soon!

# BECOME INVOLVED

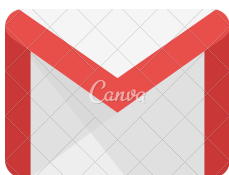
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The Eastern Region is always looking for new members to participate!

There are many, varied roles that need many, dedicated hands. Please consider volunteering and being a part of this marvelous organization!

We are currently looking for someone to run our **social media** accounts. If you are interested, please contact Lexie Groener at [ncometd@gmail.com](mailto:ncometd@gmail.com).

Click on the icons  
connect with us!



# NCOME BOARD MEMBERS

## Tournament Directors

Regional Director: Randy Burton  
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Tournament Director: Lexie Groner  
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## Your 2022-2023 Board!

### Regional Director:

Randy Burton

### Vice Regional Director:

Zoe Hansen Burnet

### Tournament Director:

Lexie Groner

### Secretary:

Gail Hemedinger

### Treasurer:

Bob Pecaut

### Webmaster:

Andy Cordes

### Web Assistant:

Dawn Imershein

### Tournament Sales:

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### Communications:

Lexie Groner

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Mark Blake

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